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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HWB*

RE: Site Inspection, Clayton Stocks, Red Rock Mine, M/037/050, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 13, 1992

Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Conditions: Warm, sunny

Participants: Sal Venticinque, BLM; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the Red Rock mine for complete bond release. The site had been reclaimed in the fall of 1989 and is now ready for revegetation success evaluation and possible complete bond release.

Mr. Venticinque and I agreed that the site can be released in its entirety after a couple of things have been fixed by the operator. One of those things is to repair a sink hole that appears in the mine access road and may have resulted from water connecting with underground workings or water finding an old drill hole. The sink hole is about 3 feet in diameter and about 4 feet deep at this time. Someone has thrown an old dead juniper tree in the hole to help plug it up. It appears that it will continue to expand and grow unless somehow it can be filled and repaired. Also, even though the operator established some large berms to prevent people from going onto the site, people have reestablished the roadway on the site that goes through the site and then up onto the higher areas above the mine site. We have asked Mr. Clayton Stocks to reestablish these berms to prevent further access onto the site and to ultimately help stabilize the site.

We contacted Mr. Stocks when we got back to Moab after visiting the site and spoke to him about the work we wanted to see done. He indicated he would go out to the site on his own, evaluate the situation and get back to us regarding any further discussion.

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Currently, a \$1700 Certificate of Deposit exists as surety for this site and can be released directly to Mr. Stocks once the Division and BLM is satisfied that work has been completed.

I received a call from Mr. Sal Venticinque of the BLM, on May 18, 1992. He indicated to me that he and Mr. Stocks had visited the site and repaired the sink hole. He also indicated that Mr. Stocks had convinced him that repairing the road berms would be pointless because people would still drive around them. I agreed to leaving the road berms alone.

I recommend that the Division release Mr. Stocks from further reclamation obligations at the Red Rock and refund the operator's surety. Please see the attached photos taken during this last inspection.

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cc: Mr. Clayton Stocks, operator  
Lowell Braxton, DOGM



